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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: PETER PAL VARGA et al. )  
TITLE: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACING )  
IMPLANT SYSTEM )  
SERIAL NO.: 10/055,673 ) PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R.  
FILED: January 22, 2002 ) §1.136(a)  
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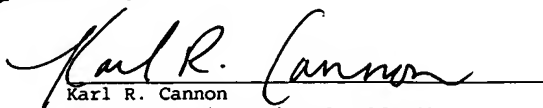
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, be extended for three months until August 26, 2003. Submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), (3) is the fee of \$465 as required. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

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